(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction since the time of the President Nelson Mandela's State visit to India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India and South Africa are engaged in an active programme of bilateral cooperation covering a wide range of activity. Since President Mandela's visit to India in January, 1995, several high level visits have been exchanged, a Joint Commission has been established six bilateral agreements have been concluded and bilateral trade has increased manifold. The Deputy President of South Africa is scheduled to visit India on December 3-7, 1996. During this visit further measures are expected to be agreed upon to strengthen relations between the two countries.

[Translation]

Repair of N.H. - 23

1355. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the N.H. - 23 (Chaas-Talchar) in Bihar has been damaged due to recent rainfall;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for repairing this national highway and for smooth movement of traffic;

(c) whether the Union Government have sanctioned/ released funds for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Traffic has since been restored and the road is generally kept in traffic worthy condition. Estimates for permanent restoration works, awaited from the State Government, shall be considered depending upon availability of funds and inter-se priority.

(c) and (d). Maintenance grant amounting to Rs. 18.75 crores, has already been released to the State Government, upto October, 1996 for ordinary repairs/ periodical renewals and ongoing FDR works, for all National Highways in the State.

[English]

Performance of Sportsmen

1356. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of our sportsmen in various international events in various disciplines during the last five years;

(b) the number of awards, trophies won by our sportsmen in international sports events during the last five years;

(c) the amount spent on sports activities during the last five years including the expenditure incurred on foreign tours and training; and

(d) whether the amount being spent has been in consonance with the performance of our sports persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) and (b). The performance of our sportsmen in major international events in various disciplines during the last five years is given in the Annexure.

(c) Total expenditure incurred on sports and games during last five years is as under :

Year	Plan (Rs. in lakhs)	Non-Plan
1991-92	4767.00	1586.00
1992-93	4332.00	1433.00
1993-94	6594.00	1517.00
1994-95	5456.00	1666.00
1995-96	5160.00	1253.00

(d) The amount spent has been inadequate in comparison to the requirements which is reflected in the performance of our sports persons at the international level.

Performance of Indian sportspersons

Events	Medals	Year
1	2	3
Olympic Games		
Tennis	1 Bronze	1996
Asian Games		
Athletics	1 Silver	1994
	2 Bronze	1994
Boxing	4 Bronze	1994
Kayaking and Canoeing	1 Bronze	1994
Hockey (M)	1 Silver	1994
Judo	1 Bronze	1994
Kabaddi	1 Gold	1994
Rowing	1 Bronze	1994
Shooting	1 Gold	1994
	1 Bronze	1994